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ANSWERED ON:14.12.2015
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SHRI J.C.DIVAKAR REDDY:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a new welfare/pension/ honorarium scheme for the welfare of cultural artists and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any grant, pension or financial assistance/honorarium/ scholarship has been granted to such artists in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT- wise and art-wise amount of scholarship/financial assistance provided to each artist and the criteria fixed for providing financial assistance under the scheme along with the funds allocated and expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years;

(d) whether the Government proposes to increase the financial assistance to such artists under the said scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government is considering to give any concession in travelling and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM
AND
MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION

(Dr. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) The Ministry of Culture administers the "Artistes Pension Scheme and Welfare Fund" Scheme for the welfare of cultural artists.

(b) Yes, Madam.

(c) Under the Scheme, financial assistance for the welfare of artists whose personal income (including income of the spouse) does not exceed Rs. 4,000/- per month and who are not less than 60 years of age are considered for financial assistance of Rs. 4,000/- p.m. under Central Quota and with maximum of Rs. 3,500/- p.m. under Central - State Quota, the remaining balance of Rs.4000/- being given by the State Governments. The eligible artists should have made significant contribution in the field of arts, letters, etc. for being considered for financial assistance under this Scheme. A statement showing the state-wise number of beneficiaries is enclosed as Annexure. The total amount of funds allocated and disbursed under the scheme in the last 3 years are as under:-
(Rs. In Crore)
Year Budget allocated Financial assistance granted
2012-13 15.72 15.22

2013-14 19.35 15.31
2014-15 19.00 17.64

(d) No, Madam.

(e) No, Madam.

ANNEXURE

State-wise details of Artistes / dependents availing financial assistance under the "Artistes Pension Scheme and Welfare Fund".

Sl. No. States No. of Beneficiaries

1. Andhra Pradesh 270
2. Assam 52
3. Bihar 46
4. Delhi 50
5. Goa 11
6. Gujarat 6
7. Haryana 33
8. Himachal Pradesh 7
9. Jammu & Kashmir 3
10. Jharkhand 10
11. Karnataka 744
12. Kerala 341
13. Madhya Pradesh 55
14. Maharashtra 947
15. Manipur 153
16. Meghalaya 1
17. Mizoram 5
18. Nagaland 3
19. Odisha 300
20. Puducherry 6
21. Punjab 7
22. Rajasthan 21
23. Tamil Nadu 251
24. Telangana 187
25. Tripura 1
26. Uttar Pradesh 261
27. Uttarakhand 15
28. West Bengal 96
Total 3882